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Docket No.: SHO-0050  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:

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Application No.: 10/697,248

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Art Unit: 3711

For: GAMING MACHINE

Examiner: D. R. Collins

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated February 24, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 20050111), Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be reconsidered in view of the remarks which follow, that each of the presently pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

**REMARKS**

This communication is a full and timely response to the non-final Office Action dated February 24, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 20050111). Claims 1-3 are pending where claim 1 is independent.

**Objections to Specification**

The specification was objected to for alleged informalities. Namely, the Office Action alleges that the disclosure refers to attorney docket numbers of co-pending applications as opposed to the corresponding application numbers. Applicant respectfully submits, however, that a Preliminary Amendment filed on June 23, 2004 amended the specification by canceling the subject matter identifying the co-pending applications by attorney docket numbers. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.